

SWAMP FOX SCENE



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the citizens and visitors of the Swamp Fox City

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SUMMER TIME FUN!

The City of Marion will host a **FREE** Community Summer Camp beginning June 6, 2016 for children who reside in the City of Marion. The Camp will be both academic and fun oriented, with numerous activities for the kids. Ms. Betty Bryant, a retired educator will be the Camp Director.



The Camp will operate June 6, 2016 through August 12, 2016. Camps hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

(Ages 5-15). The Camp will be closed June 14th for Election Day and July 4th.

Parents are encouraged to pick up an application form, fill out, and return as quickly as possible to any of the following:

- Pam Jones, City Clerk- City Hall (843) 423-5961
- Vickie Nichols, City Publicist-City Hall (843) 423-5961
- Ainsley Sanders, Administrative Assistant- City Hall (843) 423-5961
- Pansy Brown, Administrative Assistant- Shannon Wilkerson Gym (843) 423-5410

We are looking forward to an exciting summer!
Hope to see your kids there!!!



Bobby L. Davis
Mayor Bobby L. Davis



CITY OF MARION PUBLIC NOTICE

2016-2017 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE

Section 1 of the Business and Professional License Ordinance for the City of Marion, South Carolina requires every person engaged in any calling, business, occupation or profession within the limits of the City of Marion to renew the annual Business License fee and obtain a license.

The City of Marion Business License Renewal Applications are being mailed on **May 20, 2016**. Current Business Licenses expire on **June 30, 2016**. To obtain a 2016-2017 Business License, a completed renewal application and/or remittance must be received in the City of Marion Business License Department by **July 31, 2016** to avoid a penalty. Penalties for late payment will be assessed on **August 1, 2016**, and will increase each month thereafter.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE A RENEWAL NOTICE DOES NOT RELIEVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LICENSEE FROM OBTAINING A BUSINESS LICENSE. If you have any questions please contact Pam Jones in the Business License Department at 843-423-5961.

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Graduates Of 2016

Graduates, education is a continuing journey towards self-actualization. The world outside the four corners of your classroom is filled with possibilities and challenges, and they are waiting for you. As you move closer to your aspirations, let your moments of victory serve as an inspiration for others and your moments of defeat be your motivation to work harder and to do more not only for yourself but also for our parents, grandparents and fellow classmates.

Know with graduation come bigger challenge in life. May you face every challenge with your sincere efforts as you have always done before? Congratulations on Graduation!!

Mayor Bobby L. Davis, Marion City Council, City Administrator Alan Ammons.

VOTE JUNE 14!!!

Marion County will be conducting the Democratic Primary on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Offices on the ballot will include SC Senate District 30, SC House of Representatives District 57, Sheriff, Probate Judge, and County Council District 2. There is the possibility of a runoff election for SC House of Representatives District 57 and County Council District 2 if no candidate receives a majority. The runoff would then be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016. There will be no Republican Primary in Marion County because there is no opposition for the Republican nomination for any office. There is no registration by party in South Carolina. Voters may choose to vote in the Democratic Primary. If you have any questions, you may contact the Voter Registration and Elections office at 843-423-8268.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



No Rise and Shine for the Month of June.

No Senior Aerobics at Watsonia Recreation Department.

June 6th
8:00 a.m. - **Summer Camp Begins.** Grice's Recreation.

June 6th
6:30 p.m.- **A-Team Neighborhood Watch Meeting.** Firehouse, E. Bond Street, Marion.

June 14h
Election Day

June 14h
6:30 p.m. **City Council Meeting,** Council Chambers.

June 17th-23rd
Marion Recreation hosting **District Softball Tournaments.** Green Street Sports complex. For more information please call Ann Jackson Recreation Director at 843-423-5410 or visit the Marion Recreation Facebook at marionrecreationdepartment.

Membership Campaign

The Month of May: HMRA 2016-17 Membership Campaign in Progress. Be on the lookout for correspondence in your mail or visit www.theswampfox.org. or email hmra@theswampfox.org.

CITY NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Edna Murray of 320 East Bond Street has been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for May 2016. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. Ms. Murray will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of her honor.

NEED HELP?

Call City Hall, 843-423-5961, unless otherwise noted, and one of the following will be able to help you.

- Mayor Bobby L. Davis, (843) 423-5961, Ext. 21
- Alan Ammons, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19
- Pam Jones, City Clerk, Ext. 10
- Patricia Brown, City Treasurer, Ext. 18
- Ainsley Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 11
- Elizabeth Ficik, Personnel & Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
- Vickie J. Nichols, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
- Ann Jackson, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
- Dewayne Tennie, Police Chief, (843) 423-8616
- Cindy Barr, Training Officer (843) 423-8616
- Chris Smith, Captain (843) 423-8616
- Tony Flowers, Investigator (843) 423-8616
- Trey Cooper, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602
- Chris McKenzie, Assistant Fire Chief (843) 423-8602
- Heather Evans, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616
- Almeta Mullins, Secretary, (843) 423-8616

Marion Chamber of Commerce 26th Annual Golf Tournament

The Marion Chamber of Commerce will host the 26th Annual Chamber Golf Tournament on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at Dusty Hills Country Club. The format will be Captain's Choice, with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm.

We cordially invite you to participate in the 26th Annual Tournament. This is one of the Chamber's most important fund raisers for the year. Money earned from the Golf Tournament goes to help provide programs and activities of the Chamber. Tournament Corporate sponsors, Hole sponsors, Cart sponsors are all welcomed for this year's tournament. To register or sign up for sponsorships for the tournament, contact the Marion Chamber of Commerce, 209 E. Bobby Gerald Parkway or call the office at 423-3561.

The 2016 Marion Chamber of Commerce Golf Committee is T. Carroll Atkinson, III, chairman; Lucas Atkinson; Elaine Barkley; Freddie Barkley; Ashley Brady; Craig Martin.

Marion Foodie Meetings

Films are showed at different locations. Come out and see what the Arts Council has to offer. Hope to See you there!!!



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The Marion Chamber and HMRA help pay printing costs.

A PDF version is available by e-mail or online. For more information about the newspaper, call Mayor Bobby L. Davis or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.

Grass, weeds and overgrown vegetation Ordinances

According to the City's CODE OF ORDINANCES : **Section 6-1009.1 through Section 6-1009.6**, grass, weeds, or other overgrown vegetation higher than one foot on average is declared to be a nuisance. The ordinance also states that any property owner or occupant of the property that allows the property to serve as a breeding place for trash and litter or as a fire hazard is to be declared a nuisance. Any individual who fails to resolve the issue within 10 days of notice of non-compliance will be guilty of a misdemeanor. The City may remove weeds, overgrown vegetation either by the use of a city crew or designated contractor and the cost will become a lien upon the property and collected in the same manner as municipal taxes. The cost of such action by the city is as follows: \$100 per lot, 1/2 acre or less; \$175 per lot, 1/2 acre to 2 acres; \$250 per lot, 2 acres to 5 acres; \$250 per lot, 5 acres and over, plus \$100 per hour; or any contractor costs incurred by the city to correct the nuisance lot in addition to the cost of mailings. If an owner or occupant of a property believes they are unable to pay to have the grass, weeds, or overgrown vegetation removed, he or she may ask the City of Marion for assistance.

A voucher program, administered by a seven-member committee, is available for reviewing requests for assistance by low-income persons.

For information about the voucher program, contact City Administrator Alan Ammons at 843-423-5961.

A-TEAM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

"We are our neighbors keepers"

Contributed by: Dolly Boyer



When A-Team was founded, one of our goals was to build a close positive relationship with local law enforcement. To show our appreciation to our city police, A-Team hosted a lunch and car wash on Saturday, April 30th. Team members washed squad cars while Mayor Davis and officers enjoyed a homemade barbeque lunch with all the trimmings. This was A-Team's second

time hosting a lunch and car wash for the department. To have a safe city it takes a partnership between citizens and police. Citizens are the eyes and ears of law enforcement. The best weapon we have against crime is community spirit and pride. We meet the first Monday of each month at the firehouse on E Bond St. Please, join us on June 6th at 6:30 PM. For more information call Dolly @ 843-433-0941.



Cheryl Askins city's employee of the Month



Cheryl Askins was selected as the April 2016 Employee of the Month. Cheryl has been employed with the City of Marion Recreation Department since January 2010.

As the Assistant Athletic Director, Cheryl is responsible for overseeing registration of all sports programs and assists Recreation Director Ann Jackson and Athletic Director Frank Page in numerous ways including recruiting officials and volunteer coaches, managing season schedules and assisting with field and facility maintenance. Cheryl has a strong work ethic and a positive attitude towards her job responsibilities.

The Mayor and Council recognized Cheryl for her service and dedication to the City of Marion at the May 10th City Council Meeting.

Yard Sale Permits



With all the great weather, yard sales will be popping up all over town. Remember to purchase your permit (**\$5 per day at City Hall Monday thru 12:00 noon Thursday**). **YARD SALE PERMITS WILL NOT BE ISSUED AFTER 12:00 ON THURSDAY. "ABSOLUTELY" no Yard sale permits are issued on Fridays.**

City of Marion capture Playful City USA for 2016

City of Marion is one of six South Carolina cities to make Non-Profit Organization KaBoom!'s 2016 list of 257 "Playful City USA Communities. These cities are, Greenville (6), Columbia (3), Rock Hill (6), Spartanburg (10), North Charleston (6) and Marion (4).

On May 18, 2016 the City of Marion was honored with the 2016 Playful City USA designation for the fourth time. In partnership with the Humana Foundation, Ka-Boom! Is honoring cities, town and counties across the country for making their communities more payable. In its 10th year, Playful City USA is a national recognition program that honors cities and towns for taking bold steps to create more play opportunities for all kids.

KaBoom! Selected Marion for its outstanding dedication to play, among others things. Come play with us and "get out, get moving and get fit" to the "be playful and live it" mindset is the City of Marion mission. We want to promote ourselves as fun, friendly, walkable community that offers varied and exciting opportunities for play through sports, programs and better play areas to all citizens and visitors of all ages.

For information on the KaBoom! Playful City USA program, including Let's Play grants and applications for 2017, [visit www.kaboom.org/playfulcityusa](http://www.kaboom.org/playfulcityusa).

Good Morning...Bennye Sandwich Shoppe!

Submitted by Kathy Stedman for HMRA

You just can't beat a hotdog all the way, unless you have a hankering for a grilled pimiento cheese sandwich or better yet, a fried bologna sandwich, all of which you will find on the menu at Bennye's Sandwich Shoppe, located at 615-B N. Main Street in historic downtown Marion. "Miss Bennye" spent 27 years at the other end of the street, running the lunch counter at Professional Pharmacy, where she not only honed her cooking skills, but also built a loyal clientele and lasting friendships.



When Professional Pharmacy closed, Bennye was simply "not ready to stay home". As Bennye has so aptly said, "I am a very people-oriented person. I love to cook and I love the camaraderie that surrounds bringing people and my cooking together." So, with a generous offer from Teddy Zeman to have her own sandwich shop within his store, Bennye took the plunge and went in to business on her own. She says that she had so much encouragement from the community and her old customers, that it was really an easy decision, and one she has absolutely not regretted.



Bennye's Sandwich Shoppe cut the mustard in November of 2013 and has been going strong ever since. Her menu is pretty much what it was at Professional, with a few new items. The atmosphere is cozy and welcoming, and you can't miss what or who is coming and going outside on Main Street. Miss Bennye still does all the cooking and still very much enjoys greeting everyone as they come through the door. She is all about personal service and making you feel right at home. She is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-7pm, and Wednesday and Friday from 10am-3pm. So, for a generous serving of good food AND hospitality, please come by and sit a spell. Or call 843 423-4233 for carry out.

24th Annual Foxtrot Festival



The 24th Annual Foxtrot Festival kicked off on Thursday night with a performance by "Sam the Magic Man Show" for the children at the Marion Opera House. The theme was "Mardi Gras Celebration". The City came alive as everyone enjoyed this year's festival activities including marching bands, a bagpipe band, cartoon/storybook characters, food pavilion, arts & crafts, electric bull, Inflatables, Trackless Train, Orbitron, Cruizin 4 Christ Car Club Show, petting zoo, pony rides, mime performance, Jinx the Robot, pig racing, Department of Natural Resource Exhibit, video game truck and much more!!



Entertainment on the Stage was performed by D. Myers Band of Myrtle Beach, SC.

Marion County citizens were amazed by a beautiful firework show at Withlacoochee Park.



City of Marion New Recreation Department Bus



City's Playgrounds

The following City of Marion playgrounds provide free fun and are open to the public:

Withlacoochee Park

Withlacoochee Ave - This park has a walking track and playground equipment. This site holds Marion's Tennis Courts.

Grice's Recreation Center

603 Gurley Street - The playground has been updated with new playground equipment. This site also has a basketball court behind the center and is near the walking track.

Tilghman Park

409 Montgomery Street - This is the City's location for T-ball and coach-pitched baseball. It also has slides, hobby horses, swings and a merry-go-round.

No Senior Aerobics at Watsonia Recreation Department for the month of June.

Ping Pong Club

Don't forget that Marion Recreation holds a Ping Pong Club every Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. You can come by on one of these days and freshen up on your ping pong skills, watch some games or learn how to play. For details, call 423-5410.

Senior Bingo

We offer Senior Bingo the on first & third Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. –9:30 a.m. at Watsonia Recreation. Bingo is FREE of charge and we welcome newcomers to come join in on the fun. We offer prizes for the winners and refreshments for you to enjoy while playing. We do have a 2 card playing limit. Come check us out and bring some

City rentals available

Need a place to have your class reunion, family reunion, church social, or to have a party? We have the perfect location for you, whether an outdoor or indoor event from our picnic shelter or our recreation and fine arts center. Anyone interested in these locations for their events should call Pansy Brown, 423-5410 for availability.

Check us out online!

The City of Marion Recreation Department is on Facebook and online. For information and updates on games scheduling, cancellation and pictures. Visit the www.marionsc.gov web site. Find us under "Residents" and then click on "Recreation". To Find us on Facebook, visit **Marion Recreation Department!**

POOL

The Pool is official open. Come and enjoyed the newly renovated pool. Certified Lifeguards on duty at all times. Pools hour are Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Price is only \$1.00. Pool is closed on Thursday and Friday morning ONLY from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for **summer camp students only.**

Marion Recreation will host **District Softball Tournaments** from **June 17th-23rd**. **Location:** Green Street Sports complex. 603 Gurley Street, Marion. For more information please call Ann Jackson Recreation Director at 843-423-5410 or visit the Marion Recreation Facebook at marionrecreationdepartment.

CDJ Aerobics

Aerobics classes are offered Monday thru Friday evening, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at CD Joyner. Taught by Ms. Lillie Ann Sanders, the classes are \$30 per month. For information or details, call Recreation Department at 423-5410.

Don't forget to order your tickets to the Marion Recreation Day at the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. You can purchase the tickets from our office (Shannon Wilkerson Gym).

Marion Recreation @ The Myrtle Beach Pelicans



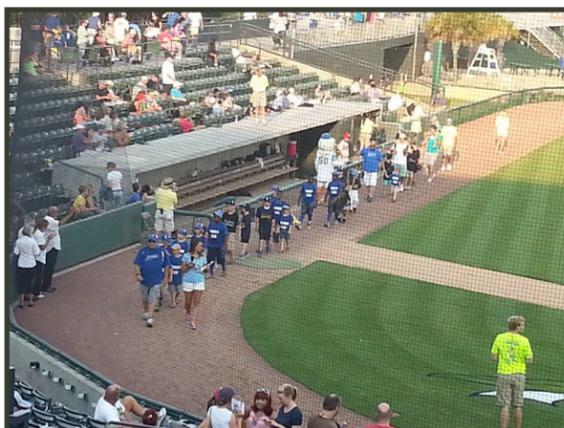
Date: Sunday, June 5th, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Price: \$7 per person

Place: Myrtle Beach Pelicans Stadium
1251 21st Ave N
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

For more Information Call: (843) 423-5410
You can pay for tickets at the office & we will pick them up for you!



LET THE GAME BEGIN. PLAY BALL.

We're  to see you at our Marion Recreation Day at the Myrtle Beach Pelicans Stadium on June 5th at 6:00 p.m. Come and show your support for our Marion kids.